


The Sixth Annual Cross Country Race.

 An account of the great interest taken in football this season, the cross-country appeared to have dwindled into almost nothing. Indeed, speculation was rife as to whether we should have one at all, because it was so late in the season and such miserable weather.

However, Mr. Hendry flagged out the course, although the ground was frozen hard and had two or three inches of snow on it. This made the going extremely hard, for the hills were very slippery and the clods on the level stretches gave an uneven footing to the lightly shod runners.

The boys, nevertheless, turned out well at 4 o'clock on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, when the start was called. Twenty-three starters lined up in each event, junior and senior, but of these only eighteen seniors and fourteen juniors completed the full course.

The juniors were sent off first and started at a killing pace for a long cross-country run. When Demill College was reached, however, they began to tail out in a string, Gilbert, Hoyles mi, Nelson mi, Norton-Taylor and Smith being well bunched together. The pace told at the first hill, when Hoyles mi and Gilbert drew away from the bunch with Norton-Taylor a short distance behind. The first two easily distanced the rest and kept together till the last 100 yards, when Hoyles mi won on the spurt in 30 minutes, with Gilbert about 12 yards behind. This is the second year that Hoyles mi has won the junior cross-country, and he gives promise of being a splendid long distance runner.

The seniors were sent off on their journey ten minutes after the juniors. Duggan started like a whirlwind, but at the floats, about a mile from College, he had to give up and drop behind.

Hoyles ma took the lead from this on, with Norsworthy close behind. These two steadily increased their lead on the rest, but Hoyles gradually drew away from Norsworthy and finished strongly and easily in 43 minutes. This constitutes a school record for the course, and is still more praiseworthy on account of the nature of the ground. Between the second and third finishers there was about half a mile or more, then the others came in bunches of twos and threes at short intervals.

PICKED UP ALONG THE COURSE.

It was rather cool for the light and airy running suits.

Some one asked Clarke if he'd won, but he only answered "naow."

Great interest was taken in the awarding (and consuming) of the middle prizes.

Hoyles ma is now a firm believer in the old proverb, "put not your trust in fences."

Jimmy Dalton thought he had such a cinch on the race that he didn't bother taking off his coat.

Trench was considered by some as a dark horse, but he did not justify the expectations of his friends.

Several fellows imagined they were playing football, and felt inclined to "double up" along the course.

There is no knowing what might have been the result if Eddie Gooderham had been in his "usual condition."

Nicholls and Black came in across the line arm in arm, but that chest of Jim's put him ahead and Orlando got the cake.

Fatty Tuckett had been told "no run, no oysters." So he went all the way round the junior course. Well played, Tub.

There is a great deal of speculation as to what became of Kelpie's second wind. It must have blown away and the blow almost killed Kelpie.

Orlando said that anyone could get over that water jump, but after Mr. Hendry tried it and came to grief, Orlando guessed perhaps it was rather stiff.

The preparatory form had a race around the block, and Farmer Hughes was ahead till he fell in a snow bank. He finished second, with Kean first, Greenhill third.

Alexander mi's sporting blood got the best of him when he saw some rabbit tracks, and he went two or three fields out of his way to see if he could bag something.

Someone advised Jud to sneak up to the College without being seen, after his encounter with the barbed wire fence, but Jud thought that after passing the office girls in the Welland Vale so successfully he wouldn't be beaten out of his place like that. Anyway, it wasn't a full dress party.

The following is the order of the finishers:

SENIOR.

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| 1—Hoyles ma. | 8—Nicholls max. |
| 2—Norsworthy. | 9—Black. |
| 3—Tate. | 10—Harcourt ma. |
| 4—FitzHugh. | 11—Sewell. |
| 5—Baldwin. | 12—Duggan. |
| 6—Herbert. | 13—Alexander ma. |
| 7—Suckling. | 14—Gooderham ma. |

JUNIOR.

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| 1—Hoyles mi. | 5—Lumbers mi. |
| 2—Gilbert. | 6—Nelson mi. |
| 3—Norton-Taylor. | 7—Mason. |
| 4—Ingersoll. | 8—Kennedy ma. |

The winners of the races for the last few years are as follows:

SENIOR.

- 1894—W. E. H. Carter.
1895—H. R. Harmer.
1896—A. Schramm.
1897—H. L. Hoyles.

JUNIOR.

- 1894—H. L. Hoyles.
1895—A. Schramm.
1896—N. W. C. Hoyles.
1897—N. W. C. Hoyles.

R. M. MacLEOD.